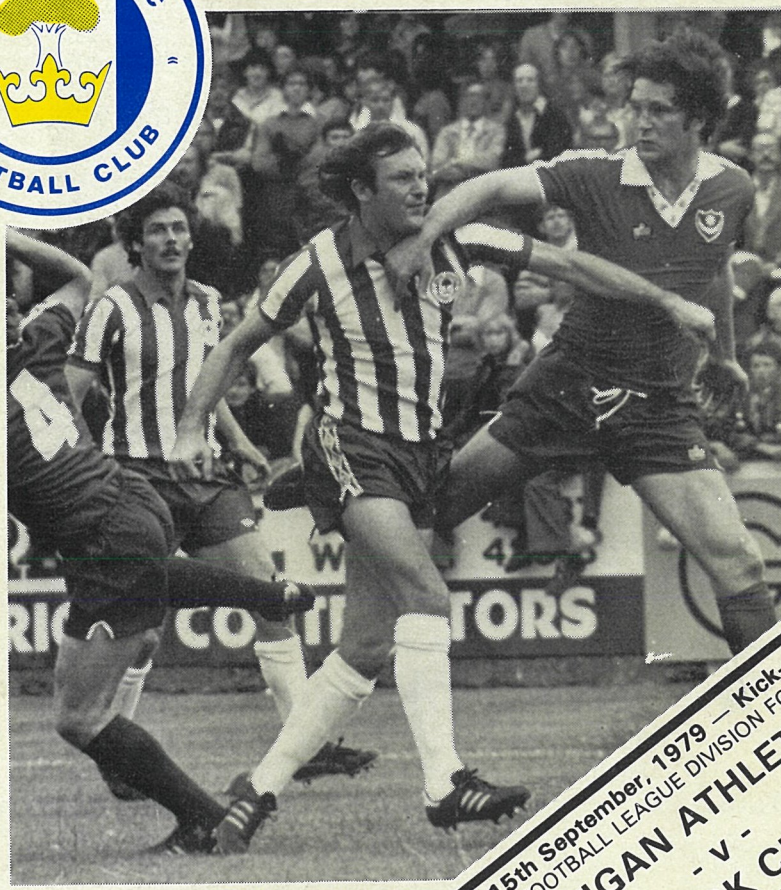


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Our front page pic this issue features Frank Corrigan and Peter Houghton disputing possession with equally determined Portsmouth players. (Photo by courtesy of "The Wigan Observer").

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



I WOULD LIKE to welcome Charlie Wright to Springfield Park. York have not made as good a start as possibly Charlie would have wanted, but I am sure it won't be too long before they get it going. **This Game of Football.**

Football, to a degree, always has that unknown quantity about it, and I feel it is the uncertainty of the game which makes it so frustrating one minute

and so joyous the next. Take our last two matches. At the end of forty five minutes against Portsmouth I was relatively happy with the way we had played, but saddened at the loss of skipper, Noel Ward. We discussed at half-time that although we had done well there was still a lot to be done before we had the two points in the bag, and it is history now that we did not make it.

Quite the reverse was the case at Bournemouth, where we did not play well at all in the first half, but in the end we had a very good victory in which we could have had four or five goals against a side with a good defensive record. Which, as I say, makes the game of football so interesting.

To date in the league we have five points from five matches, having scored eight goals and losing eight goals. Last season after five games we had one point, scored only three goals and had lost ten. So I believe we are on our way to a better opening spell, and if we can maintain our away form I am sure we will begin to pick up the points at home.

Good Hands.

The good work of Fred Eyre and Dave Brooks with the Reserves and Dave Crompton with the Youth Squad is continuing and makes me feel very satisfied that our young players are in good hands. I am sure it will not be too long before the first of the youngsters breaks through.

Enjoy today's game

Ian McNeill

WELCOME TO



YORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 1979/80 — (Left to Right) **Back Row:** Barry Wellings, John Harrison, Andy Leaf, Graham Brown, Alan Kamara, David Pugh, Peter Stronach. **Centre Row:** Charlie Wright (Manager), Barry Lyons (Youth Coach), Gary Ford, David Loggie, Andy Clements, Steve Faulkner, Steve James, Kevin Randal, John Byrne, John Simpson (Trainer). **Front Row:** Stewart Ferebee, Gordon Staniforth, Roy Kay, Ian McDonald, Jimmy Walsh.



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WELCOME TO YORK CITY

ALTHOUGH TODAY'S visitors York City have experienced difficulties of late, there is ample evidence to suggest that good foundations are being laid for a gradual return to the highly esteemed position enjoyed by the Club in former years.

In the capable hands of their Board of Directors and their popular manager, Charlie Wright, York City have been quietly building up their resources on and off the field. Careful pruning of a playing staff which did not entirely meet his early requirements and the equally well-considered signing of new players have shown Mr. Wright to be an astute and capable manager.

It is worth noting that the commencement of Mr. Wright's revitalisation plan coincided with our own transformation from an aspiring non-league club to the dizzy heights of Football League Associate Membership. Little were we all to know that our victory over York City in the F.A. Cup First Round on Saturday, 26th November, 1977, would be the start of something really big.

The transfer of Brian Pollard to Watford just prior to the cup tie, and the early exit from the competition at the hands (or should it be feet) of Wigan Athletic, gave Charlie Wright a real baptism of fire. It says much for the man that, without complaining, he should buckle down to the task. After being forced

to apply for re-election at the end of the 1977 - 1978 season, Charlie and his hard-working players recovered to finish ninth last year — a fine achievement.

Although it would appear that York have got off to a poor start, results on paper can be deceiving and it would pay Wigan fans to remember how hard their side has had to play to gain the two wins and one draw obtained from the three most recent meetings between the clubs. Two one-nil victories and a one-one draw hardly give an impression of trouble-free success. Today's game is likely to be very competitive indeed with York City anxious to build a platform for a charge up the table and our own boys equally keen to bridge the gap between themselves and the front runners in the league championship race.

In the main, York City rely on the talents of the players who served them so well last season, but the signing of "old-Thunderboots" Peter Lorimer will add further fire-power and experience to the ranks of the "Minster Men".

Welcome to York City Football Club, its directors, players and fans. We hope you enjoy your visit to Wigan, and, although we would not wish you to return to Bootham Crescent victorious, we do sincerely wish you well for the future.

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It is with a feeling of sadness that we announce the donation of today's match-ball by the Management and Regulars of the Freemason's Arms, Goose Green, Wigan, in memory of Mr. Wilf Bearshaw. We are obviously

delighted and grateful to the donors but are sad that the occasion should be linked with the passing away of an old friend and supporter of the club. Wilf always showed great interest in the club, and, as an ex. Secretary of the Football Club, a Representative of the local coach operators' Committee, and, more recently, Chairman of the Friends of Wigan Athletic Society, he demonstrated his devotion in a practical way. Such was the esteem in which Wilf was held that the Board of Directors had no hesitation in granting permission for Mr. Bearshaw's ashes to be enshrined at the ground. We ask all present to spare a thought today for Wilf Bearshaw and his family and we are grateful to his friends at the Freemason's Arms for their donation of the match ball and the opportunity to remember a loyal supporter.

Until the next time, all best wishes.

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Lancashire League Scene

by Fred Eyre

THE VALUE of practising set pieces is something often overlooked. Indeed, it seems that some teams even in the First Division do not bother to work out any at all.

On the Sunday morning prior to our first game of the season, all the reserve team squad of players reported to Springfield Park, foregoing their day of rest, to run through a series of set pieces from throw-ins, free kicks and defensive free kicks etc. This can be a tedious task to practise amongst oneself, with no match atmosphere and no real live opponents, but to their credit all the players went through the full repertoire with their customary enthusiasm. Their patience was rewarded in our second match of the season when we were trailing 1-2 to Stockport County in a very close hard-fought game.

We were awarded a free kick late

in the game and each player remembered his "script" beautifully, did his job to the letter, by each arriving at the correct spot at the correct time, the result being an equaliser from Mark Jones, from a beautifully flighted free-kick from Alan Greenhalgh.

So our Sunday morning endeavours earned us a point and with nearly all the season still to go hopefully it will earn us many more.

The only sad note regarding the Sunday morning stint was a rather nasty accident on his way to the ground for Nigel Hart. Nigel's car was in a terrible mess but thankfully Nigel escaped unhurt. He then showed his true professionalism, by finding alternative transport, arriving for training on the stroke of 10.30 a.m. and putting in a good morning's work. This was a fine example for the younger players to follow.

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Player Profile



KEVIN SMART (Defender)

KEVIN GRAHAM SMART was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and received his education at schools in that soccer-mad city.

While at Manor Park Secondary School, Kevin represented his school and the City of Newcastle at soccer and cricket. In addition, he played soccer for Montague and North Fenham Boys' Club, and, at the age of fifteen, Kevin played for his club at Wembley Pool in a Five-a-side Tournament. As the North of England representatives, the Montague and North Fenham lads defeated their South of England counterparts to become English Champions. However, in the Great Britain Championship Final, the Newcastle boys lost 7 - 8 on penalties to a Scottish side.

The following year, Kevin not only captained his Boys' Club team, but also the Northumberland Boys'



Photo by courtesy of "The Wigan Observer"

Club XI. On leaving school, young Smart joined Plymouth Argyle as an apprentice, and eventually made his Football League debut, as an eighteen year old, against Luton Town in the Second Division. Kevin made ten appearances in Plymouth's team that season, but shared his colleagues dismay when the Argyle were relegated to Division Three. Thirty-three league appearances in Division Three followed, during which time he saw two managers leave Home Park. It was finally Malcolm Allison who released Kevin at the end of season 1977 - 1978. As we know full well, Kevin joined Wigan Athletic prior to their first game in League Football.

Although he did not make an immediate impact at Springfield Park, Kevin settled in quickly once he made the first team and, by the end of last season, was an established regular in the Wigan team.

A gritty, enthusiastic player, Kevin Smart always gives one hundred per cent and he has played in the seven competitive games completed this season.

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Lancashire League Division 1

Saturday, 1st Sept., 1979

Reserves 2 — Chester Reserves 2

Wigan Scorers — Buckley, Crompton.

Saturday, 8th Sept., 1979

Reserves 7 — Macclesfield Reserves 0

Wigan Scorers — Wilkie (4), A. Quinn, Cunliffe, Jones.

Monday, 10th Sept., 1979

Reserves 2 — Everton 'A' 0

Wigan Scorers — Purdie, A. Quinn

Lancashire League Division 2

Saturday, 1st Sept., 1979

'A' Team 1 — Everton 'B' 5

Wigan Scorer — McAllister

Saturday, 8th Sept., 1979

'A' Team 2 — Formby Reserves 2

Wigan Scorers — Freeman, Mayer

Monday, 3rd September, 1979

F.A. Youth Cup — 1st Round

Wigan Athletic 4 — Rhyl 2

Wigan Scorers — Mayer, M. Quinn (2) Atkinson

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LEFT
The agony shows on Noel Ward's face as he is carried off the field after breaking a leg.

ABOVE
Tommy Gore in the thick of the action.



ABOVE RIGHT
Peter Mellor, the Pompey keeper is hard-pressed to keep out this Wigan effort.

BELOW
Peter Houghton crashes a shot against the post as his team mates look on in admiration and anticipation.



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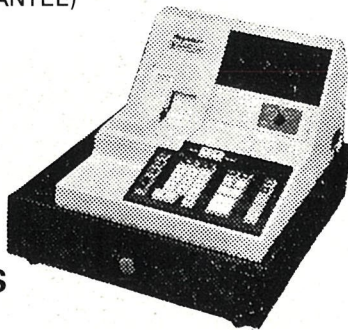
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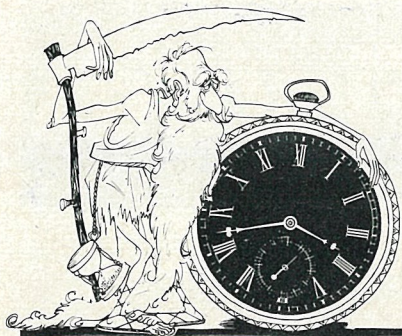


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Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

ONE OF the many advantages of a team having Football League status is that it is not called upon to play in numerous cup competitions.

In their non-league days Latics could reasonably expect to play over sixty games a season in competitions called by all kinds of names.

One of those competitions they played in until a few years ago was the Liverpool Senior Non-League Cup, a trophy they won several times throughout their non-league period.

On September 16th, 1963, Latics entertained Burscough at Springfield Park in the first round of the above competition. They won 2-1, but, as so often happens in cup-ties of no major importance, the game received some pretty lukewarm comments.

The introduction in the Wigan Observer match report said: "Any of the 1,024 paying customers who might have gone to Springfield Park on Monday night for old time's sake, hoping that the Liverpool Senior Non-League Cup First Round tie might resurrect the fervour of the full-blooded Athletic v Burscough meetings of a few years

ago must have been disappointed. This drab, drowsy game was a tepid imitation".

In fact Latics were the holders of the trophy at the time, and, indeed, after winning this First Round game they went straight into the Semi-Finals again, but their display gave no indication of the attractiveness and sparkle the team possessed at the time.

The Observer reporter added: "Generally the game was hardly worth going without tea for"

It needed centre forward Harry Lyon, himself a former Burscough player, to lift the game momentarily out of the doldrums with two goals.

Captain, for the night, against his old club, Harry scored his goals in the 17th and 27th minutes of the game and it wasn't until right near the end that Burscough, who, according to reports, were simply just not good enough on the night, pulled a goal back.

Wigan's team, in what is generally regarded as one of the most boring matches to be played at Springfield Park, in recent years, was: McKay, Briars, Crank, Houghton, Seddon, Edmondson, Glover, Morgans, Lyon, Neill, Sleight.

LATICS AWAY

ALTHOUGH it would be possible to route our fans to Hereford on 22nd September via the M6, M5 and M50 Motorways we would recommend those making the long and pleasant trip to use the A49. Contractors are currently carrying out major repairs on the motorways

occasioning long delays. The recommended A49 route takes travellers through Warrington, Whitchurch, Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Leominster. From Leominster follow the signposted road for Hereford and the Edgar Street Ground is easily accessible.

Facts and Figures

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first.

Player scoring in bold.
† Player substituted.

² Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 11	Stockport FLC1	1-2	6,004	R Ward	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton ¹	Brownbill	Purdie	Urquhart	
Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1	0-0	7,591	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Purdie	Moore	
Aug 18	Darlington	2-2	2,063	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan ¹	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore ¹	Purdie	Moore	
Aug 22	HUDDERSFIELD	1-2	6,927	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore ¹	Purdie	Brownbill	
Aug 25	Stockport County	2-1	3,837	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore ¹	Dauids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore ¹	Purdie	N Ward	
Sep 1	PORTSMOUTH	1-2	8,198	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore ¹	Purdie	Urquhart	
Sep 8	Bournemouth	2-1	4,390	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Hart	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill ¹	
Sep 15	YORK CITY															
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Oct 2	Hartlepool United															
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED															
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town															
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Apr 7	Port Vale															
Apr 12	HALIFAX TOWN															
Apr 19	Northampton Town															
Apr 26	WALSALL															
May 3	Aldershot															

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 4 — TABLE AS AT 12th SEPTEMBER, 1979																	
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts					
Portsmouth	5	3	0	0	10	1	2	0	0	5	1	10					
Bradford City	5	2	1	0	7	1	2	0	0	5	1	9					
Huddersfield Town	5	3	0	0	7	1	1	0	1	2	3	8					
Peterborough United	5	1	0	1	3	3	3	0	0	4	0	8					
Walsall	5	2	0	0	5	3	1	2	0	4	3	8					
Lincoln City	5	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	5	1	7					
Hereford United	5	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	1	3	3	6					
Newport County	5	2	0	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	5	6					
Hartlepool United	5	2	0	1	4	4	1	0	1	3	2	6					
Tranmere Rovers	5	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	4	4	6					
Bournemouth	5	1	1	1	5	5	1	0	1	3	2	5					
Wigan Athletic	5	0	0	2	2	4	2	1	0	6	4	5					
Doncaster Rovers	5	2	0	1	7	7	0	1	1	4	5						
Torquay United	5	1	1	0	5	2	0	1	2	5	8	4					
Aldershot	5	2	0	1	5	2	0	2	0	3	4						
Halifax Town	5	1	1	0	4	2	0	1	2	1	4	4					
Rochdale	5	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	4	4					
Stockport County	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	2	2	3	3					
Darlington	5	1	1	0	5	3	0	0	3	2	7	3					
Northampton Town	5	0	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	3	4	2					
Port Vale	5	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	2	4	5	2					
York City	5	1	0	2	3	5	0	0	2	1	5	2					
Scunthorpe United	5	1	0	1	3	4	0	0	3	1	11	2					
Crewe Alexandra	5	0	1	2	2	6	0	0	2	1	7	1					

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Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



WELL, it wasn't long before the first Fourth Division managerial head rolled, was it? After his side lost their first five league and cup games, Dennis Butler left his post as Port Vale boss by mutual consent. Reserve team coach Alan Bloor, who used to play for Stoke, has taken over as caretaker-manager, and, after losing his first match, Bloor saw his side hit the victory trail at Crewe last Friday.

Anyway, the big question at the moment is can anyone stop Pompey? Unbeaten so far, they look set to build a commanding lead at the top. But there's one clash they won't relish and that's on Tuesday when they meet neighbours Bournemouth. Pompey won't need reminding as to who dumped them TWICE last season . . .

Appeals for patience to Aldershot fans on behalf of ace scorer John Dungworth finally paid off last Saturday. Dungworth, rated in the £150,000 class, scored 34 goals last term. After failing to hit the target in his first four games, he finally made it at home to Scunthorpe United last Saturday.

One name already featuring prominently in the goalscorers' list is Wigan-based

Huddersfield Town star Ian Robins who has got off to a great start. He's got five goals so far, including the winner against Newport County at Leeds Road last Saturday.

Another man who has hit the goal trail with a vengeance is Peterborough United's Billy Kellock. Billy has already repaid some of the £33,000 fee the club paid Kettering with five early goals.

Over at Gresty Road the problems continue to mount for Tony Waddington's Crewe Alexandra currently bottom of the Football League. Mr. Waddington is searching for a replacement goalkeeper, for the time when John Phillips' loan period from Chelsea expires. The former Stoke boss also hasn't entirely given up hope of injecting a touch of England class into his ailing side by signing Alan Hudson from Seattle Sounders.

Finally, only two clubs from the division carry the flag in the Third Round of the Football League Cup, and both Northampton Town and Peterborough United have been rewarded with home ties.

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Inside Information

by I. Spy

THE Safety of Sports Ground Act caused great consternation this week, when Jack Day, aided and abetted by the Chairman, Manager and Commercial Manager, wrestled with angles, ratios, stresses and percentages, in order to convert the decision to provide additional terracing at the Springfield Park end of the ground into action. The results of the deliberations will become apparent in the near future when additional steps and barriers will be erected to create our own "Kop".

Currently gaining the reputation of being a transport jinx is Margaret, the wife of Vice-Chairman Alan Muir. Supporters used to really appreciate the

company of Mrs. Muir as an attractive distraction on the long haul journeys to far-flung Fourth Division grounds, but attitudes are changing. Several times last season, the Supporters' Coach, with Margaret aboard, broke down. Wishing to spare the loyal fans further hardship, Mrs. Muir travelled by car to Stockport County — only for her vehicle to seize up just short of the ground. Dismissing this misfortune as purely coincidental, Margaret again travelled by coach to Darlington. Mrs. Muir just happened to be sitting over the wheel-arch and (guess what?) the tyre beneath her was punctured. Finally, to cap the lot, the coach carrying Mrs. Muir to

Bournemouth not only broke down on the outward journey but also on the return journey to Wigan. Husband Alan was more than embarrassed to have the team coach flagged down to get Margaret a lift home late on Saturday evening. We are pleased to report that team, spectators, coaches and Mrs. Muir finally arrived home without further incident.

There is no truth in the rumour that Commercial Union are invoking a special clause in their policies to add the words "Mrs. Muir" to the disclaimer connected with Acts of God, force majeure, etc.

HELLO, AGAIN. Welcome to Springfield Park, from the bar staff and committee of the Supporters' Club.

The marvellous result at Bournemouth was certainly reflected in the club last Saturday and Sunday evenings; both were amongst the most enjoyable evenings in the club for some time and we shall certainly look forward to the return visits of Mike Watkins and David and June Brookes.

During October, we have a busy programme, and I am glad to say that the finalised date for the welcome return of the "Big Band Sound" is Monday, 15th October.

I understand that we shall be hosts to V.I.P. personnel on that night and look forward with pleasure to offering a warm welcome to all supporters and friends who are coming along. Tickets are going well and are available at the club or from any committee member.

On Wednesday, 3rd October, we are staging a toy fair in conjunction with a local firm and I understand that all items are to be offered at bargain prices. — Don't forget, Christmas is not too far away!

We are also planning an organ demonstration, ranging from large concert models down to the smaller type of organ which is so popular today.

Our Bowls' Section have been invited to send a representative to the General Meeting of the Orrell and District Bowls' League, to further our application for membership for 1980.

Supporters Club News



The cricket match I referred to has had to be postponed until the early days of next cricket season, owing to our "singles" team being just as interested in (and just as proficient at) football.

Our weekend programme holds promise of more good nights to come:-

Saturday, 22nd Sept. — David St. John

Sunday, 23rd Sept. — Samantha Shay

Saturday, 29th Sept. — Patti McCabe

Sunday, 30th Sept. — John Trevelyan

Why not come along and spend an evening with us at the "Friendly Club"?

Sincerely,
Peter Woods.



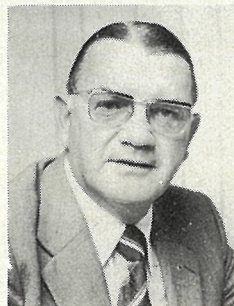
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A last word from the chairman . . .

I AM DELIGHTED to welcome the Chairman, Directors, Manager, players and supporters of the York City Football Club to Springfield Park. We were very well received at Bootham Crescent last year, and we are always pleased to meet up with old friends and offer them hospitality to suit the occasion. Games between Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs are always keenly contested, and I am sure that today's match will be no exception to the rule.



After the disappointment of losing to a very determined Portsmouth side, we were a little bit apprehensive about the prospects of the long haul to Bournemouth, particularly in view of our injury problems. We need not have worried. After a fairly evenly balanced first half, our gritty second half performance was sufficient to see us on our way back to Wigan with a very useful two points. I am hoping that we will now move very rapidly towards the top of the table.

Unfortunately, I will be away on holiday for the four remaining September fixtures, but you can be sure that Company Secretary, Derek Welsby, and a few strategically placed friends will keep me informed of the results against York City, Hartlepool United, Hereford United and Bradford City. Six points from the four games ought to put us right among the contenders for promotion.

I am very pleased to observe that Wigan Athletic is now being recognised as the second best-supported club in the Fourth Division. This is most gratifying and is really appreciated by my co-directors, the staff and myself. Keep up the good work. We are proud of you and thank you for your loyal support.

Until my return, enjoy your football.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to read 'A. Horrocks', written over a horizontal line.

Arthur Horrocks, (Chairman)

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Kevin Smart	2	Roy Kay
Joe Hinnigan	3	Jimmy Walsh
Tommy Gore	4	David Pugh
Neil Davids	5	Steve Faulkner
Dave Fretwell	6	Steve James
Frank Corrigan	7	Gary Ford
Jeff Wright	8	Peter Lorimer
Peter Houghton	9	Kevin Randall
Micky Moore	10	Ian McDonald
Ian Purdie	11	Gordon Staniforth
Derek Brownbill	12	Barry Wellings

York City
(Red)

Officials

Referee:
Mr. Malcolm J. Heath
(Stoke)

Began refereeing in 1968 and progressed to the Football League via Northern Premier League. A married man, with two boys, he is Senior Manager of Doulton (Sanitary-ware) Ltd. He is keen on gardening, cricket and table tennis.

Linesmen:
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Mr. M. Darby
(Hyde)
Yellow Flag
Mr. P.H. Waters
(Thornton Cleveleys)

Here next...

Wednesday, 19th September, 1979. Kick off 7.30 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v HARTLEPOOL UNITED
Football League Division 4